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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers Located in Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina  
**Docket No. 2014-324-C**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina granting the instant application. ORS respectfully requests that it be permitted to be excused from the hearing in this matter.

By copy of this letter we are serving all parties of record. Thank you for your consideration regarding our request. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire (via U.S. Mail)  
Margaret M. Fox, Esquire (via U.S. Mail)